GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EMPOWERING MCI AND SMCs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to empower the Medical Council of India and the State Medical Councils to take action against doctors for medical negligence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a concrete and final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): The Medical Council of India and the State Medical Councils are empowered under the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 to take action against the doctors for medical negligence. Upon receipt of any complaint of professional misconduct against a medical practitioner and in case he is found to be guilty of the charges leveled against him by the appropriate Medical Council after conducting an enquiry in the matter, it may award such punishment as deemed necessary or may direct the removal, altogether or for a specified period, or the name of the said doctor from the register.